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Senator Fred Thompson  
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Dear Senator Thompson,

Public Citizen is chronicling the fundraising practices and policies of the 2008 presidential candidates.

In July, we released a Web site documenting the major fundraisers for each candidate, the candidates' policies on disclosing those fundraisers, and candidates' positions on legislation to reform the presidential public funding system and extend public funding to congressional elections.

On May 15 and 16, we submitted questions to the campaigns of the presidential candidates participating in the television debates. The questions are below.

In order for us to take your responses into consideration to keep our Web site up-to-date, please respond to this inquiry at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Laura MacCleery  
Director, Public Citizen's Congress Watch

- Who is your contact on fundraising disclosure matters?
- Does your campaign use bundlers, meaning fundraisers whose fundraising is tracked by your campaign?
- If so, do you disclose bundlers' identities?
- If so, how do members of the public learn the identities of your bundlers?
- What are the honorary names given to your bundlers and the threshold amounts for each? (e.g., Bush's "Ranger" / "Pioneer" nicknames for his 200K/100K fundraisers)
- Do you instantly release names when these thresholds are met or do you await certain dates? If so, what are your reporting intervals?
- What details do you provide about your bundlers, e.g. employer, occupation or city & state?
- Do you disclose the names of contributors from whom your bundlers raise money?

- Do you pledge to opt into the presidential public funding system if you win your party's nomination and the other party's nominee agrees to opt in? (as Obama and McCain have pledged to do)
- Do you support Sen. Feingold's bill to bolster the presidential public funding system (the Presidential Funding Act of 2007)?
- Do you support the Durbin-Specter congressional public funding bill (the Fair Elections Now Act)?